Vocationalisation of Higher Secondary Level Education

1996. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of the study conducted by the PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education of his Ministry which highlights the need for top priorty attention to vocationaKse higher secondary level education for imparting training to middle-level manpower requirement in the agriculture sector; and

(b) if so, the details of the study and the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) No. Sir. However Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Central Institute of Vocational Education has published a compendium entited "Skilled manpower in agriculture; prospects and modalities for development". The technical papers included in compendium deal with the prospects of vocational education and manpower requirements at the middle-level in various sectors of agriculture.

Fishing Harbours and Landing Centres in Coastal States

1997. SHRI SATYANARAYANA DRONAMRAJU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fishing harbours and landing centres set up in the coastal State, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the funds allocated by the Central Government in each case?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATORANAN MISH-RA): (a) and (b) Details of fishing harbours and landing centres set up with Central assistance in the coastal States, statewise and the sanctioned cost of each project is given in the statement at Anne-xure. *[See* Appendix 178, Annexure No.42]

Repair of Monuments

1998. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DE VELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the ruinous condition of some of the monuments;

(b) whether any reports have been submitted by the management of those monuments about their deteriorating condition; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to repair those monuments?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (c) The maintenance and conservation of centrally protected monuments is a condinuous process. The centrally protected monuments are managed by the Archaeological Survey of India through its Circle Offices spread all over India, these monuments are inspected regularly by the Officers from the Circles/Branches as well as from the Directorate. Conservation measures are taken up according to actual needs of individual monuments and as per the availability of resources. For the current financial year about 300 centrally protected monuments have been proposed for comprehensive repairs.

Liberalisation of Railway Refund Rules

1999. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Refund Rules have been liberalised;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the future proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. (See Below)

(c) Railways strive continuously to amend the rules to suit the changing requirements of rail users. There is no specific proposal at present in this regard.

Statement

Liberalisation of Railway Refund Rules.

During the last few years, the rules regarding refund on unused tickets have been liberalised as under:

(1) For night trains leaving after 9 PM. refund can be obtained from the station within first two hours after opening of reservation office on the following morning also.

(2) Refund can be obtained during working hours and before preparation of reservation chart, from any station/reservation office in the country which is linked to the ticket issuing station by computer.

(3) Charges for issuing duplicate tickets in lieu of the lost/misplaced/ torn/mutilated reserved tickets of over 500 Kms. have been reduced from 25% to 10% subject to the minimum recovery of 25% charges for 500 Kms. fares.

(4) If reservation for some persons in a group/family ticket is confirmed while others are on waiting list and the entire ticket is cancelled, full refund has been allowed for confirmed passengers also (lese clerkage charges) provided that the ticket for entire party/family is surrendered at the journey commencing station within 4 hrs. before scheduled departure and upto 3 hrs. after actual departure of the train.

(5) Station Masters of 453 important Stations/Reservation Offices have been delegated special discretionary powers to grant refund on unused tickets issued by their stations which are surrendered for refund after the normal time limits prescribed in the rules for refund.

Holding of Junior Research Fellowship Test by J.N.U.

2000. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 160 given in the Rajya Sabha the 19th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the J.N.U. comes under the purview of U.G.C. and whether the reported differences over the helding of test of Junior Research Fellowship by J.N.U. and U.G.C. sorted out amicably by both the parties; and

(b) whether Government have received any reports regarding flouting of conditions laid down by U.G.C. from State Government (Union Territory) or protest by Academics for Action and Development (A&D) for promotion of lecturers in Delhi University Colleges etc. if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The UGC has informed that the Junior Research Fellowship test conducted by the JNU has been approved by the Commission for the academic year 1996-97.

(b) The UGC has informed that.46 cases relating to the National Eligibility Test (NET) jre pending in various Courts.